

**ABSTRACT**

A method of selecting a server to represent a virtual server hosted by a plurality of servers. The method includes providing, by a load balancer not associated with the virtual server, values, for one or more parameters, of two or more paths, each path defined between a point in a vicinity of a client accessing the virtual server and one of the plurality of servers representing the virtual server, and selecting a server to provide data for the client, responsive to the values of the one or more parameters.

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